

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE

BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION



HELD WITH THE MT. OLIVE CHURCH  
NOVEMBER 13. 14 AND 15TH. 1913.

The next session of the Association will be  
held with the Mt. Zion Church, Ada Belle  
Ga., beginning Thursday, Nov. 12, 1914.



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## PROCEEDINGS

Mt. Olive Church, Nov. 13, 1913.

The Burnt Swamp Baptist Association convened in its Thirty-Fourth Annual Session with the Mt. Olive church at 11 o'clock a. m. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. Z. B. Brooks, text, St. John 3:16.

The Association took a recess of one hour. At 1 o'clock the Association reassembled with Rev. J. J. Bell reading the 23 chapter of St. Matthew, hymn No. 503 was sung, prayer was offered by Bro. S. S. Lowry.

The roll of churches was called. There was a majority found present.

By motion Jordan Chavis, T. H. Hammonds and S. S. Lowry were appointed finance committee.

By motion the church letters were read.

The following compose the delegates of this Association: Ed. Smith, Nelson Chavis, Alva Carter, Z. B. Brooks, Joseph Locklear, M. C. Chavis, Jas. Johnson, S. S. Lowry, J. W. Hunt, W. J. Hardin, Alex Hammonds, D. J. Revels, J. A. Locklear, J. J. Chavis, J. A. Chavis, J. T. McGirt, Wm. Hammonds, Sandy Chavis, W. D. Godwin, Alex Chavis, T. H. Hammonds, Jno. Jacobs, A. B. Hardin, Willie Jacobs, S. P. Brewington, Jno. Hunt, B. Chavis, A. Chavis, S. W. Oxendine, E. Sampson, R. D. Hunt, Z. R. Chavis, Jas. Hunt, Matthew Jacobs, W. T. Patrick, Eddie Jacobs, Wm. Soins, W. D. Locklear, C. Locklear, D. L. Locklear.

The roll was called and by motion the letters were received except Mt. Zion and Antioch's.

By motion J. J. Bell was re-elected moderator and W. D. Oxendine was elected clerk and treasurer.

By motion J. A. Locklear, W. J. Hardin and Alex Hammonds were appointed a committee of arrangements.

By motion Willie Jacobs, G. W. Locklear and W. D. Oxendine were appointed to draw up a program for next Association.

## PROCEEDINGS

The report on Sabbath school was read and adopted. Remarks were made on the subject by J. A. Locklear, Rev. Wm. Hammonds and Rev. S. A. Hammonds.

Report on Sunday School. Through the Sunday School the path of life is pointed out to boys and girls and older ones. The parents should go with their children to Sabbath school. Raise your children in the way you would have them to go and when they are old they will not depart from it. The ministers of this Association should encourage Sunday School more.

J. A. Locklear, Com.

By motion the committee on arrangements appointed Bro. S. S. Lowry to preach Friday at 11 o'clock.

On motion we adjourn until Friday 9:30 a. m.

## SECOND DAY.

9:30 a. m. prayer and praise services were conducted by Bro. J. R. Oxendine.

10 a. m. J. J. Bell, Moderator, called the Association to order and prayer by Bro. W. D. Oxendine.

Roll was called and a majority found present.

The minutes of Thursday were read and adopted.

The letter from Deep Branch was read and received.

By motion the tabled letter of Antioch was released and the standing committee met with the church and dispose of the case.

By motion the report on ministerial relief was read and adopted. Remarks was made on the subject by S. S. Lowry and A. Chavis.

## Report on Ministerial Relief.

Relief means to help. We the members of this Association should feel it our duty to help our ministers. If we expect able ministers we should help them to a higher standard in the Gospel work. This can be done by the churches paying their preachers more. In Mt. Luke 10:7, we learn that the laborer is worthy of his hire. Let us assist our preachers, especially our aged ones, who have worked so hard in the gospel work, and are now in their declining years.

S. S. LOWRY, Com.



By motion the report on education was read and adopted. Remarks were made on the subject by Bro. A. B. Hardin and S. A. Hammonds.

### Report on Education.

If we would keep in pace with other leading races we must educate our boys and girls. Education is power it makes easy and plain the mysteries of life. We as parents, preachers and teachers should do all we can to interest our race to educate their boys and girls, the destiny of any race is carved by its own hands. We as a race need educated ministers, farmers and teachers. May we endeavor to climb higher on the ladder of fame.

A. B. HARDIN, Com.

Sermon was preached by Bro. S. S. Lowry, Text, Romans 8:6. Recess was given.

1:30 p. m., the Association convened for business, prayer by Rev. A. T. Taylor.

The letters from Bear Swamp, Pleasant Plains and Hope-well were read and received.

By motion the next Association was located with the Mt. Zion Church, Ada Belle, Ga.

The report on Home Mission was read by E. Sampson and was adopted.

### Report on Home Missions.

Home is the castle of virtue, the school of manners and the nursery of religion. We must begin "at home" and move outward.

Mission—this supreme business of the church is what brought Jesus from glory to the cross, to win the lost world.

May we give ourselves more devotedly to the thought of "soul winning" in our home churches.

E. SAMPSON, Com.

The Moderator advised the Pleasant View church to adhere to the constitution. The standing committee made their report as follows we have ordained Bro. S. J. Chavis and arrested the license of Bro. Hughie Smith.

Rev. J. J. Bell,

Rev. W. G. Hunt,

Rev. J. E. Hunt,

Committee.

And the report was adopted.

By motion the committee was re-elected for 1914.

By motion the report on ministerial education was adopted and remarks by A. Chavis and others.

### Report on Ministerial Education.

This is one of the needs of our Association, may the members of the churches lend a helping hand to this cause. I believe that Christian education may be classed among the things which accompany salvation and that at no period of a person's life does he need the guiding hand of a consecrated Christian's influence more than in the days when he is learning the things which he is to believe, and which are to shape the events of his after life. Seeing the need of educated ministers, we should unloose our purse strings and give of our means to prepare them for this great work.

Assuring you that the money thus spent will not be lost, but shall go on ministering to humanity.

L. W. JACOBS, Com.

By motion the committee on program made the following report which was received.

### PROGRAM FOR NEXT SESSION.

12:00 Sermon by Rev. W. G. Hunt.

2:00 Enrollment of delegates and Permanent Organization.

3:00 Report on Sabbath School by T. H. Hammonds.

### SECOND DAY.

9:30 Prayer and Praise Service by Rev. S. J. Chavis.

10:00 Report on Ministerial Relief by W. J. Sampson.

11:00 Report on Education by A. A. Chavis, Jr.

1:30 Report on Home Mission by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

2:30 Report on Ministerial Education by J. M. Locklear.

### THIRD DAY.

9:30 Prayer and Praise Service by Sandy Chavis.

10:00 Report on Periodicals by Ed. Smith.

10:30 Report on prayer meetings by G. M. Locklear.

1:30 Report on Temperance by Branson Chavis.

2:00 Miscellaneous business.



10:00 Sunday lesson taught by W. D. Oxendine.

11:00 Sermon by Rev. J. J. Bell. By motion the report on temperance was read and received.

### Report on Temperance.

We are told to be temperate in all things. But intemperance has been a close partner with all crimes that are committed in our State and county. Intemperance is the means of bringing sadness to our homes. May we all teach and live a temperate life.

S. J. CHAVIS, Com.

By motion we adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning.

### THIRD DAY.

9:30 Prayer and Praise Service conducted by Bro. J. A. Locklear.

10:00 The Moderator called the Association to order for business.

By motion the roll was called and a majority found present.

By motion the minutes of Friday were read and adopted.

By motion the treasurer of the Ministerial Educational board reported \$23.96 in the treasury. The report was received.

J. A. LOCKLEAR, Treas.

By motion Ed Smith, J. A. Locklear, W. D. Oxendine, H. T. Sampson, S. M. Oxendine, W. S. Hunt, C. L. Oxendine, were appointed a ministerial educational board.

By motion, E. Sampson, J. A. Locklear and J. E. Hunt were appointed a committee to define the work of the board.

By motion the report on periodicals was discussed by Z. R. Chavis, E. Sampson, Alex Chavis and others.

By motion the report on prayer meeting were discussed by W. D. Oxendine and S. S. Lowry and adopted.

### Report on Prayer Meetings.

Prayer meeting is one of the most essentials of all meetings. Prayer is a petition to God through Jesus Christ for what we want. A stated prayer meeting should be conducted for each church.

The Association adjourned for preaching.

Sermon by W. G. Hunt, text, St. John 9:4. Prayer by Sandy Chavis. Recess.

1:30 The Association reassembled. The Finance committee reported: For minute funds \$36.95. For Ministerial Education \$16.90. Total \$53.85.

By motion the report was received, the money paid to the treasurer and committee discharged.

By motion the treasurer of the Home Mission board reported on hand \$83.71. Loaned to Sunday School \$14.15. Total \$97.86. The report was received.

By motion the following Bros. were re-elected on the executive board: T. H. Hammonds, E. Sampson, W. D. Oxendine, M. C. Chavis, C. L. Oxendine, M. A. Ransom, J. H. W. Smith, Willie Jacobs, Sandy Chavis.

The committee to define the duties of the ministerial educational board reported: We recommend the executive board to aid any young man whom they may see that has the aptness to preach and to co-operate with the church where he is a member, in financial aid. We recommend each church to send not less than one dollar to each Union for this purpose.

J. E. Hunt.

J. A. Locklear.

E. Sampson.

Committee.

By motion the report was adopted.

By motion we pay the Clerk \$15.00 for his service.

By motion we have 600 minutes printed.

By motion Rev. J. E. Hunt was appointed missionary for the ensuing year.

By motion the same powers of the Home Mission board, be continued.



By motion the collection of to-morrow be given to Archie Oxendine and James Chavis.

By motion that a vote of thanks be extended Mt. Olive church, for their hospitality to the Association during its session.

By motion the Association adjourned to meet with Mt. Zion Church, Nov. 12, 1914.

REV. J. J. BELL,

W. D. OXENDINE,

Moderator.

Clerk.

### SUNDAY

12:00 Sermon by Rev. J. E. Hunt, text St. Matthew 24:3.

Thus ended another faithful year's work of the Burnt Swamp Association.

### Churches, Pastors and Time of Preaching.

|                      |                 |            |   |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------|---|
| ✓ Antioch, ✓         | Rev. J. J. Bell | 2nd Sunday |   |
| ✓ Reedy Branch, ✓    | J. E. Hunt      | 1st        | " |
| ✓ Harpers Ferry, ✓   | S. S. Lowry     | 3rd        | " |
| ✓ Mt. Olive, ✓       | S. S. Lowry     | 2nd        | " |
| ✓ Mt. Moriah, ✓      | E. F. Wariax    | 3rd        | " |
| ✓ Magnolia, ✓        | A. T. Taylor    | 1st        | " |
| ✓ Piney Hill, ✓      | Z. R. Chavis    | 2nd        | " |
| ✓ Gray Pond, ✓       | S. J. Chavis    | 3rd        | " |
| ✓ Pleasant View, ✓   | Z. R. Chavis    | 4th        | " |
| ✓ Mt. Zion, ✓        | A. T. Taylor    | 1st        | " |
| ✓ Piney Grove, ✓     | W. G. Hunt      | 3rd        | " |
| ✓ Deep Branch, ✓     | J. E. Hunt      | 4th        | " |
| ✓ Bear Swamp, ✓      | W. S. Hunt      | 1st        | " |
| ✓ Pleasant Plains, ✓ | S. S. Lowry     | 3rd        | " |
| ✓ Hope Well, ✓       | Wm. Goins       | 3rd        | " |
| ✓ Oak Grove, ✓       | E. F. Wariax    | 1st        | " |

### CHURCHES

|                 | Males | Female | Total | Baptised | Rec. by let. | Restored | Died | Excluded | Dis. ov let. | Home Missions | Minute Fund | Pastors Salary | Church Value | Education | Charities |
|-----------------|-------|--------|-------|----------|--------------|----------|------|----------|--------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Antioch         | 34    | 54     | 88    | 7        | 2            | 3        | 1    | 4        | 4            | 5             | 00 3 00     | 1 25 1000      | 100 00       | 1 25      | 24 10     |
| Reedy Branch    | 78    | 159    | 237   | 19       | 3            | 15       | 4    | 6        | 1            | 3             | 00 1 25     | 1000           | 200 00       | 1 00      | 5 60      |
| Harpers Ferry   | 16    | 30     | 46    | 5        | 2            | 1        | 1    | 4        | 5            | 2             | 00 30 00    | 200 00         | 1 00         | 1 00      | 21 35     |
| Mt. Olive       | 24    | 54     | 78    | 3        | 2            | 4        | 4    | 5        | 1            | 1             | 00 4 00     | 60 800         | 00 2 00      | 50        |           |
| Mt. Moriah      | 10    | 28     | 38    | 3        | 3            | 4        | 2    | 1        | 1            | 1             | 00 20 15    |                |              |           |           |
| Magnolia        | 19    | 37     | 56    | 4        | 1            | 1        | 2    | 1        | 1            | 1             | 50 1 00     | 19 72          | 250 00       | 50        |           |
| Piney Hill      | 18    | 33     | 51    | 8        | 1            | 3        | 1    | 1        | 1            | 1             | 50 30 60    |                | 2 00         | 2 00      | 1 50      |
| Gray Pond       | 16    | 12     | 28    | 2        | 1            | 3        | 4    | 3        | 2            | 1             | 50 51 80    | 300 00         | 2 00         |           |           |
| Pleasant View   | 23    | 33     | 56    | 17       | 1            | 3        | 4    | 3        | 1            | 16            | 75 5 00     | 41 75          |              | 2 00      | 12 50     |
| Mt. Zion        | 17    | 17     | 34    | 9        | 2            | 2        | 1    | 4        | 5            | 3             | 50 2 00     | 30 25          |              | 50        | 19 31     |
| Piney Grove     | 23    | 57     | 80    | 9        | 2            | 2        | 3    | 1        | 2            | 3             | 80 54 05    |                |              |           | 30 65     |
| Deep Branch     | 27    | 46     | 73    | 6        | 2            | 3        | 1    | 4        | 8            | 6             | 00 2 00     | 35 00          | 1000         | 2 00      |           |
| Bear Swamp      | 21    | 64     | 84    | 6        | 1            | 1        | 1    | 4        | 1            | 1             | 00          |                |              |           |           |
| Pleasant Plains | 8     | 10     | 18    | 3        | 5            | 5        | 1    | 2        | 3            | 1             | 00          |                |              |           |           |
| Hope Well       | 6     | 12     | 19    | 5        | 2            | 4        | 2    | 4        | 2            | 1             | 50 25 00    | 100 00         | 1 50         |           |           |
| Oak Grove       | 13    | 31     | 44    | 2        | 4            | 2        | 2    | 4        | 2            | 1             | 50 40 00    | 300 75         | 1 50         |           |           |

### STATISTICAL TABLE.



## CONSTITUTION.

From a long series of experience we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us, and preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in a union. We therefore propose to keep the following plan of government.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Burnt Swamp Missionary Baptist Association.

Art. 2. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our Union, who shall be known, designated and styled as Indians or lenial descendants of Indians, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members, whom they judge best qualified for that purpose and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment as delegates. And further, that, no church shall be represented which holds any member in any official capacity, who is not an Indian or a colonial descendant of Indians. No church shall be recognized which permits any unorthodox minister to fill the stand.

Art. 3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed the members in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and died since last session.

Art. 4. The members thus convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches nor shall they inringe any of the internal rights of any church in the Union.

Art. 5. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, and a Committee for Ministers' relief fund, chosen by the members present, and an Executive Board composed of nine members.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted on petition, by letter and delegates, if upon examination they be found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, which shall be manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship, provided further, that no church be admitted without first securing a home, that is, a site on which to build, with color title for said property, said title to be first examined by a committee.

Art. 7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association, but shall have only three members from each church.

Art. 8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 9. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association Fund for defraying the expenses of the the same, for the raising and supporting of, what we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they shall think proper, and send by their

delegates to the Association. The money thus contributed shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys received by him and paid out according to directions of the Association.

Art. 10. The Annual session of the Association shall be on Thursday before the third Sunday in November at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 11. The Association shall have power; 1. To provide for the general union of churches. 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4. To inquire into the cause if the churches failed to represent themselves at any time in the Association. 5. To appropriate money contributed by the churches to the Association fund to any purpose they deem proper. 6. To appoint any member, by and with their consent to transact any business they may see proper. To withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of the Association, deviating from the orthodox principles of religion. 8 To adjourn themselves at the time specified above at such places as may be chosen.

Art. 12. This form or plan of government may be amended at any annual session by two-thirds vote of the members present.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall be chosen by the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to remark on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall state the case and matters as clearly as he can so as to convey his light or idea.

Art. 6. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without permission.

Art. 7. No person shall rise and speak more than twice on the same subject without the permission of the Association.

Art. 8. No person shall engage in light or frivolous conversation, laughing, etc., during the sitting of the Association, or whisper in time of speech.

Art. 9. No member of the Association shall address another member by any other name than that of brother.



Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the delegates of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be last to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion, if he pleases, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall knowingly or willingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association, as it shall think proper.

Art. 14. These rules may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of the members present.



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